

REMARKS

Applicants have now had the opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments as set forth in the Office Action mailed December 31, 2007. The Examiner will appreciate that all independent claims have been amended in order to further clarify the claimed disclosure. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

The Office Action

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8-10 were rejected as being unpatentable over Offer (U.S. Patent No. 6,658,094) in view of Ozaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,478) and Mousseau (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0005864). The Examiner rejected claims 16-18 and 20 as being unpatentable over Ozaki in view of Offer and Mousseau. The Examiner rejected claims 11 and 19 as being unpatentable over Ozaki in view of Offer and Wang (U.S. Patent No. 6,230,024). Finally, Examiner rejected claim 15 as being unpatentable over Ozaki in view of Wang, Sinisi (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0128613) and Cavill (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0009560).

The Subject Application

By way of review, the claimed disclosure relates to a mobile device and a method for receiving and rendering an incoming fax message. The claimed disclosure also relates to sending an outgoing fax message through use of the mobile device. The mobile device and the claimed disclosure is configured to accept a fax via a wireless network. The fax is treated as the data call such as a short messaging system message. In an example of the fax receiving scenario, a user would receive a fax while out of the office, not near a PC. Subsequently, the fax is sent to a user's mobile device. The mobile device would store the fax in a fax message database until it can be rendered. The mobile device also may send a fax as the data calls who an intended recipient.

The Cited Art

The Examiner's primary reference is Offer. Offer discloses a method and apparatus for storing voice/fax messages in an intelligent network. A network server receives an incoming call from a subscriber and if the incoming call contains a voice/fax message, a trigger device is used to call up the fax/voice storage service which stores the voice/fax message either in the voice/fax storage server or in a subscriber terminal of the call device. The object of Offer is to provide a method for storing voice/fax messages in the intelligent network. By receiving the call, storing the call in a storage server, starting a timer, and if appropriate signaling is present, setting a first flag in one of the storage server for call back of the first subscriber when the message is retrieved or when the prescribed timer value is exceeded.

The Examiner cites Ozaki as his secondary reference. Ozaki discloses a data transfer system and a hand held terminal device used therefore. Ozaki discloses a system where a message reception unit receives from a host computer a new arrival message indicating a new arrival of a file. The control unit analyzes the new arrival message to obtain identifier information for identifying the file. The line is then connected to the host computer and is established by a hand held phone transceiver unit. A fax transmitting user designates a designation hand held terminal device and transmits the fax image data to a communication server. The communication server in turn stores the received fax image and transmits a fax arrival message to the pager. The user of the hand held terminal device informed of a fax arrival by the pager, confirms the fax brief image data contained in the message.

The Examiner also cites Mousseau which discloses a system and method for redirecting message attachments between a host system and a mobile data communication device. The system and method is implemented in order to push information from a host system to a mobile data communication device upon sensing a triggering event. A redirector program, operating at the host system, enables a user to continuously redirect certain user selected data items. The redirector program operates in connection with an event generating application and repackaging system at the host system to configure and detect a particular user defined event. The method involves receiving a message at a host system, separating the attachment from the

message, redirecting the message, selecting an attachment displayer and redirecting the attachment from the host system to the selected attachment displayer.

The Examiner also cites Wang, which is directed towards a voice to digital fax transmission. Wang discloses the wireless communication network which includes a mobile station and a base station which are adapted to allow an ongoing voice call to be converted into a digital fax call. Wang also discloses this method without forcing a user to relinquish the line and to re-establish a call for the purposes of transmitting the digital fax. In operation, a call set up is complete for a mobile termination of a fax call that is initiated as a voice call and then changed to include the communication of digital fax signals.

Claim 1 is not unpatenable over Offer in view of Ozaki and Mousseau

Claim 1 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Offer in view of Ozaki and Mousseau. The Examiner will appreciate that claim 1 has been amended in order to further clarify the claimed disclosure. Claim 1 now includes language directed towards connecting the external rendering device to the output port where the external rendering device includes a printing device, a fax reader, and a display device and rendering the incoming fax message on the external rendering device. This amendment gains support at least from paragraph 18 of the specification. None of the cited art discloses an external rendering device that includes a printing device, a fax reader and a display device. Although Examiner points to Figure 40 of Ozaki as having an external device, Ozaki does not disclose or suggest an external rendering device which has a printing device, a fax reader and a display device. Therefore, for at least this reason, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 11 is currently in condition for allowance

The Examiner will appreciate that claim 11 has been amended in order to include connecting an external device including a printing device, a fax reader and a display device. As stated above, when referencing amended claim 1, the cited art does not include utilizing an external device with a printing device, a fax reader and a display device. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that amended claim 11 be allowed.

Amended claim 16 is now in condition for allowance

Similar to the above referenced independent claims, claim 16 has also been amended in order to include an external device having a printing device, a fax reader and a display device. It is hereby submitted that in light of the amendment, claim 16 is also in condition for allowance. It is hereby respectfully requested that claim 16 be allowed and the rejection be withdrawn.

Dependent claims are currently in condition for allowance

All remaining claims in the application (claims 5, 7, 10, 12-15, and 17-20) are either directly or indirectly dependent from independent claim 1, 11 or 16. Because the independent claims are in condition for allowance, all independent claims are also in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections to the dependent claims be withdrawn.

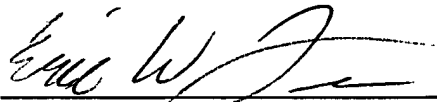
CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1, 5, 7, and 10-20) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to telephone Joseph D. Dreher, at (216) 861-5582.

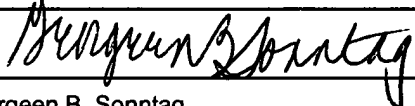
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